INTRODUCTION FOR VM2s TO THE VM4 YEAR

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THE VM4 YEAR

■ Philosophically...

- *What do you want to be when you grow up?* (5 VM4 options emphasis areas)
- VM4 year gives you exposure to a variety of cases, techniques and professional areas - can’t make you an expert DVM - soak it all in
- Many students feel they can’t fit in everything they want
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- [http://www.vetmed.wisc.edu/dvm-students/current-students/curriculum/fourth-year-information/](http://www.vetmed.wisc.edu/dvm-students/current-students/curriculum/fourth-year-information/)

- SVM > DVM Students > Current > Curriculum > 4th year planning

- 47 credits/48 weeks (~1 week = 1 credit)
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5 “Areas of Emphasis”

- Food Animal
- Large Animal
- Mixed Animal
- Small Animal
- Other (public health, pathology, research, zoo medicine, lab animal medicine, etc.)

Requires: initial meeting with me for approval to plan; develop plan with faculty mentors; final approval by me
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- **5 Option “emphasis areas”**

#### 4th Year Core Rotation Options

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#### Total Required

- Weeks/Credits: 28 / 27
- Weeks/Credits: 32 / 31
- Weeks/Credits: 34 / 33
- Weeks/Credits: 34 / 33
- Weeks/Credits: 22 / 21

#### Elective

- Weeks/Credits: 24 / 20
- Weeks/Credits: 20 / 16
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- Weeks/Credits: 30 / 26

#### TOTAL

- 52 weeks / 47 credits
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- Electives
  - Other VMTH rotations/didactics
  - “Externships” and “preceptorships”
    - Experiences outside the SVM to pursue a subject not offered in depth in the SVM
      - 12 weeks total time for externships & preceptorships
Traveling to externship/preceptorship sites...VMTH rotation responsibilities run until the following Monday morning.

• Clinician awareness/approval of any swaps of case responsibilities with other students.
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- Travel abroad
  - Must be off farms/zoo/animal contact for a minimum of 7 days before re-entering the VMTH
  - Plan travel to externships/preceptorships and/or vacation accordingly

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- Please be sure you & your externship or preceptorship site mentor are on the same page re: expectations for each.
  - Dropping out of externships/preceptorships is “bad form” – limits opportunities for future SVM students to attend and can delay your graduation – rarely approved
  - Be respectful of differences of opinion – no single right way
    - Overt problems (no one there, sexual harassment, other dangers to you: 608/263-2525)
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Electives

• “Directed studies”
  - An experience within the SVM that is coordinated and managed by an SVM faculty member that allows students to pursue an interest beyond clinical and didactic rotations (project-based)
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- Tuition for the 12 month VM4 year is the same as VM1 – VM3 years.
- Loan funds are distributed September and January as in previous years.
  - Summer “bridge” loans (UW-Madison Student Financial Services - Mary Condon, 2-3060)
    - Emergency loans for expenses
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- Rotation scheduling
  - “OASIS” computer system
  - Lottery process
  - January-February
  - JoAnn Disch/OAA

- Graduation
  - May 11 and 13, 2018
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- Liability insurance ("malpractice")
  - "Students in required clinical or training experiences will be protected as agents of the State of Wisconsin under section 895.46 (1) of the Wisconsin Statutes while they are acting within the scope of their required program."

- You must not be considered an employee, covered by Worker’s Compensation, while on externship – invalidates your UW coverage.
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- HAVE FUN!
- OPEN MIND, TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE, ASK QUESTIONS, BE PROFESSIONAL, BE PATIENT, CUP 2/3 FULL!